

REMARKS

In a Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated October 23, 2007, the final rejection of claims 1-4, 6-10, 12 and 14 was upheld. Those claims are hereby canceled.

Claims 5, 11 and 13 had been rewritten into independent form in the Amendment in Response to Final Office Action that was filed on September 29, 2005. In the Advisory Action issued on October 13, 2005, the Examiner indicated that upon appeal the September 29, 2005 Amendment would be entered, and that claims 5, 11 and 13 would be allowed. In view of the subsequent appeal, the September 29, 2005 Amendment was in fact entered, and claims 5, 11 and 13 stand allowed, as indicated in the Advisory Action.

Since this Amendment simply cancels all of the rejected claims, its entry is believed proper. In addition, in a November 20, 2007 telephone discussion between Examiner Gelin and the undersigned, the Examiner agreed to enter the Amendment canceling the rejected claims at this time, rather than wait to do so until the expiration of the two-month appeal period.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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